



# **SERMON** ON THE **MOUNT**

**“When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross”  
John 19:16-30**

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**<sup>20</sup>Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews;’ but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’ ” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”<sup>23</sup>Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, a part to each soldier and also His tunic; now that tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.**

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**<sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be;” this was in order that the Scripture would be fulfilled: “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” <sup>25</sup>Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He \*said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”**

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**<sup>27</sup>Then He \*said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his home. <sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been finished, in order to finish the Scripture, \*said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. <sup>30</sup>Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.**

**John 19:16-30**

**<sup>14</sup> But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

**Galatians 6:14**

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**<sup>32</sup> He who indeed did not spare His own Son,  
but delivered Him over for us all, how will He  
not also with Him graciously give us all  
things?**

**Romans 8:32**

## **I. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Went Willingly**

- He chose to reign as King through suffering.**
- Jesus marched in condemnation and was  
made a spectacle of humiliation.**

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**<sup>18</sup> There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.**

**John 19:18**

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**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will divide for Him a portion with the many,  
And He will divide the spoil with the strong;  
Because He poured out His soul to death,  
And was numbered with the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,  
And interceded for the transgressors.**

**Isaiah 53:12**

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**John 19:19-22**

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- The best things are based on the work of another.
- The kingship of Christ is not disputable.

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- Ryle - “a King indeed He was, as He told Pilate, of a kingdom utterly unlike the kingdoms of this world but if all that is true of a true kingdom and a ruler of true subjects. As such He was born, as such He lived, as such He was crucified, and as such He will come again and reign over the whole earth, king of kings and Lord of Lords.”

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John 19:23-25

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<sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who strike Me,  
And My cheeks to those who pluck out the  
beard;  
I did not hide My face from dishonor and  
spitting.

Isaiah 50:6

### **III. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Looked Outwardly**

**<sup>26</sup> When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He \*said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup> Then He \*said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his home.**

**John 19:26-27**

### **III. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Looked Outwardly**

**<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

## **IV. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Paid Fully**

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**John 19:28-30**

## **IV. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Paid Fully**

**<sup>21</sup> They also gave me gall for my food  
And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to  
drink.**

**Psalms 69:21**

## **IV. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Paid Fully**

**<sup>12</sup> and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy places once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

**Hebrews 9:12**

## **IV. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Paid Fully**

**<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that He might bring you to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;**

**1 Peter 3:18**

## **IV. The Wondrous Cross Reminds Us That Christ Paid Fully**

**Spurgeon - “hold up the cross before you, let that be your shield and buckler and rest assured that as your Master not only routed the foe, but afterwards took the spoil, it shall be even so with you.”**

**The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.**